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SUBJECT: UNIDO - ALGERIAN CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REFS: (A) USUN 2464; (B) ALGIERS 1267

1. OUR CURRENT READING ON SELECTION OF ALGERIAN CANDIDATE IS (A) THAT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, AND (B) THAT FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA WILL SELECT CANDIDATE PERSONALLY, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH LONG-RUMORED CABINET RESHUFFLE.

2. WE HAVE HEARD FOUR NAMES MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH ALGERIAN CANDIDACY. THEY ARE MINISTER OF COMMERCE LAYACHI YAKER; MINISTER OF FINANCE SMAIN MAHROUG; PRESIDENT OF CAMEL (LNG JOINT VENTURE) ABDELKADER CHANDERLI AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR OF PRESIDENCY DRISS DJAZAIRI. CHANDERLI TOLD EMBOFF JULY 13 THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT JOB IF OFFERED BUT THOUGHT HIS SELECTION UNLIKELY BECAUSE HE SPOKE NO GERMAN. CHANDERLI ALSO SAID HE DOUBTED THAT SELECTION
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3. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER ALGERIAN SOURCE WHOSE INFOR-
MATION IS USUALLY RELIABLE, BOUTEFLIKA FAVORS MAHROUG
FOR POST. CHANDERLI, THIS SOURCE SAID, IS LEAST LIKELY
POSSIBILITY.

4. ALGERIANS HAVE REPORTEDLY OBTAINED ADVANCE ENDORSE-
MENT FROM OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE FOR THEIR CANDDIATE,
WHEN SELECTED, BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING
SIMILAR SUPPORT FROM ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN KUALA LUMPUR.

5. COMMENT. IF AS APPEARS FROM FOREGOING ALGERIAN
SELECTION IS TIED TO CABINET RESHUFFLE, TIMING
BECOMES DIFFICULT TO PREDICT. MINISTERIAL CHANGES
HAVE BEEN RUMORED AS IMMINENT FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.SIMPSON

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